

Docket No.: 163-588

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT OPERATIONS

In re Application of:	)	
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Sergio Noe	)	Group Art Unit:
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Serial No.: not known	)	Examiner:
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Filed: December 14, 2004	)	
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For: **PROCESS FOR THE SEPARATION OF THE WATER PRODUCED IN  
THE CATALYTIC OXIDATION OF AROMATIC HYDROCARBONS TO  
POLYCARBOXYLIC AROMATIC ACIDS**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Kindly amend the above identified application as  
follows: